Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the captioned application:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-14 (cancelled).

Claim 15 (original): A method for reducing the burn sensation of propionic acid derivative compositions comprising:

providing a therapeutically effective amount of a racemic mixture of a propionic acid derivative, which is optionally provided as a granule containing active and excipients and optionally provided with a coating;

providing from about 50 to about 150 weight percent of fumaric acid based upon the weight of propionic acid derivatives in an excipient formulation;

admixing said racemic mixture of a propionic acid derivative and excipient formulation containing said fumaric acid to form a mixture;

provided said coating is substantially free of fumaric acid.

Claim 16 (original): The method of claim 15 wherein the racemic mixture of a propionic acid derivative is ibuprofen.

Claim 17 (original): The method of claim 15 wherein the fumaric acid and racemic mixture of a propionic acid derivative are admixed in a granulation process.

Claim 18 (original): The method of claim 15 wherein the granulation process is conducted with a non-hydrocolloid binder.

Claim 19 (original): The method of claim 16 wherein the ibuprofen is granulated with excipients and coated with a hydrocolloid.

Claim 20 (original): The method of claim 19 wherein the hydrocolloid coating consists essentially of one or more cellulose derivatives.

Claim 21 (original): The method of claim 19 wherein the hydrocolloid is selected from the group consisting of hydroxyethylcellulose, hydroxypropyl methylcellulose, hydroxypropyl cellulose, hydroxymethylcellulose and mixtures thereof.

Claim 22 (original): The method of claim 19 wherein the excipients are selected from the group consisting of polyvinylpyrrolidone, sodium starch glycolate and sodium lauryl sulfate, and cellulose derivatives.